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Ladies and Gentlemen

I am a teenager who grew up on G.I. Joe, The Flintstones, and The Jetsons. Although these shows had their own segments of violence, these acts never went without consequences. Anytime an act of violence was committed, punishment would be served or a life would be saved in the process, and no one was ever seen bleeding to death or actually shown dead. These shows did not show excess violence to warp the minds of young children.

Although I have only been on this planet for 15 years, I do know how to form my own opinion on this subject. Education should be stressed in a country where the literacy rate is far below other worldwide powerhouses. Also, acts of violence are not only increasing during air time, but additionally on our city streets.

As stated by Neil Postman, the author of The Disappearance of Childhood, "TV reduces literacy and distorts the learning process. Children also age quickly from exposure to violence, ineptitude and other adult themes on TV." How will our society function in the future if our generation has the I.Q. of a snail?

I am not considering the complete obliteration of all shows that portray any form of violence. I just think that a